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WO 02/46719	English-language abstract included on cover page
EP 0804073	U.S. Pat. No. 5,925,511 is a counterpart
DE 19736470	WO 99/10763 A1 is a counterpart having an English-language abstract on its cover page
DE 19841554	An English-language abstract is attached
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Several references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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